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3. [] Called William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who said he had received from OMB late last evening the language which it was agreed would be placed in the Continuing Resolution to appropriate funds to USIA for interim financing of the Radios. This had been worked out between Woodruff, Clark MacGregor (of the White House) and James Frey (of OMB). Woodruff pointed out that he had an absolute agreement with OMB that there would be no further CIA funding of the Radios. He also said that the duration of the Continuing Resolution is through 6 August 1971.

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4. [] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called and asked for information on the relative comparisons of various computers including the ICL-1906A. He said he would also like a statement as to the strategic use of the 1906A. He said this material would not be attributed to the Agency and [] OER, is preparing this.

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State that they in effect give a "no comment" answer to any inquiry and press and delay any response to a congressional inquiry until they could consult with the Agency. Presumably we would agree to brief any senator making an inquiry on this but it was to be made clear this decision would have to be made by the Director.

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6. [] Hand carried Legislative Counsel's response to Representative Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.) concerning retirement questions raised by [] Mr. Richard Sewell, Administrative Assistant to Representative Bennett, said that he would forward the response on to [] and noted that our letter was "pretty final" with regard to the question of eligibility of CIARDS. If further question is raised by [] Mr. Sewell will be back in touch with us.

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Apology urged to free four in China

By R. H. SHACKFORD

Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

The State Department was urged today to seek release of four Americans in jail in China by apologizing to the People's Republic of China (Peking) for their alleged espionage activities.

Dr. Jerome Cohen, professor of law and director of East Asian legal studies at Harvard, made the appeal. He called attention to the American apology to get the Pueblo crew returned. He said the case against those men was not nearly as precise as against the Americans held in China.

Dr. Cohen made his appeal at an appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is holding four days of hearings on American China policy, especially the issue of which China is to be seated at the United Nations.

Chairman J. William Fulbright, D-Ark., promised the committee's staff would investigate the cases of the imprisoned Americans and that he would then see whether the com-

mittee wished to appeal to the State Department for reconsideration of the problem.

Dr. Cohen said he was a personal friend of one of the prisoners -- John Downey, 33, of New Britain, Conn., who is serving a life sentence. Mr. Downey was Dr. Cohen's roommate in college.

Dr. Cohen said he had devoted much time in digging into the cases of Mr. Downey and the other three and that he was persuaded the facts were as the Chinese Communists alleged.

Dr. Cohen had been arguing before the committee for more contacts with Peking. He urged that this was one that should have high priority. The cases of the prisoners have been raised periodically at the American-Chinese ambassadorial talks at Warsaw. But the United States denies the espionage charges and claims the men strayed by mistake into the air over Chinese territory.

Dr. Cohen believes the new "climate" in Peking towards the United States makes this a proper time for the U.S. government to concede they were on espionage missions in the interest of getting the men released.

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15. [REDACTED] Talked with Miss Douglas, in the office

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of Representative Joel Droyhill, regarding the Congressman's letter concerning [REDACTED]

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I advised Miss Douglas that I had been in contact with our Personnel people and asked that they expedite a final determination on [REDACTED] application for employment and we expected a decision early next week. (I have been advised that Mr.

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16. [REDACTED] Talked with Mr. Shattuck, of the House

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Judiciary Committee staff, concerning the Committee's request for a report [REDACTED] I gave Shattuck some of the background of our contacts with the Senate Committee on this bill and indicated that our response to his Committee's request had been sent to the Bureau of the Budget for clearance. Shattuck expressed some doubt as to whether the Committee would report this bill since in his opinion, despite the amended language, this bill still amounted to the granting of [REDACTED] by legislation. Shattuck appreciated my call and indicated an interim response was not necessary.

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25X1 5. [] Harrison M. Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to say that Senator Lowell P. Weicker (R., Conn.) had recently requested and received a briefing by a Department officer on the John Downey case, but had expressed a desire to hear from the Agency on any additional information which we might have. At Symmes' suggestion, I agreed to follow up by getting in direct touch with Weicker.

25X1 6. [] Hand-carried to George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, a number of clippings
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25X1 7. [] Talked to Bill Woodruff and Fran Hewitt, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and asked if we could borrow a copy of the hearings on the Second Supplemental Appropriations Bill for 1952 containing testimony by General Walter Bedell Smith. These hearings are apparently in Appropriation Committee archives but they will try to locate them for us. We are interested in them in connection with the OLC history.

25X1 8. [] Hand-carried to J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, the text of the Kommunist article he had requested and a copy of the Hungarian release having to do with the draft letter prepared for the use of Senator James O. Eastland and other members of the Senate on Radio Free Europe in 1967. In return Sourwine provided us with a copy of one draft of that letter.

25X1 9. [] Delivered to the offices of Representative Bella S. Abzug (D., N. Y.), and Senators Edward Kennedy (D., Mass.), Frank Church (D., Idaho), George McGovern (D., S. Dak.), George Aiken (R., Vt.), Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.), Birch Bayh (D., Ind.), Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.), and J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.)
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10. (Confidential - RJK) Delivered to Mr. Courtney Pace, in the office of Senator Eastland (D., Miss.), a package of articles related to the Case amendment which the Senator had requested the other day.

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10. [] Met with Senator Lowell Weicker (R., Conn.) as a followup to a request the Senator had made through the State Department for a briefing on a sensitive Agency case. Following the briefing I advised Mr. Harry Symmes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State (Congressional Relations), of our meeting with the Senator. See Memorandum for the Record.

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11. [] Mr. Steve Vossmeier, on the staff of Senator Thomas F. Eagleton (D., Mo.), called and said the Senator would like to have an Agency briefing on Southeast Asia some time after 11 o'clock on Friday. I told Vossmeier this was something I would have to take up with the Director and indicated that he and his principal briefing officers were tied up most of this week with hearings on the Hill. Vossmeier said if this couldn't be arranged on Friday perhaps it could be done some time next week. I said I would be back in touch with him.

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12. [] Talked with James Gehrig, Staff Director, Senate Space Committee, about Chairman Anderson's request that we give Senator Curtis a full briefing on the Soviet space program. I told Gehrig Mr. Duckett could do this Friday or Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning, in that order of preference. Gehrig said he would check this with Senator Curtis and be back in touch with us.

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13. [] Met with Chairman John Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee, on two occasions during which I discussed problems created by the request of the Foreign Relations Committee for the Director to cover Agency-supported operations in Laos during an early appearance before that Committee. (See Memo for Record) I mentioned to Stennis Senator Dominick's interest in the long-term intelligence outlook from the standpoint of U.S. manpower requirements and the pending Selective Service legislation. Stennis recognized difficulties in the Agency's trying to handle this, and agreed with my proposal that I sit down with Senator Dominick and try to point these difficulties out to him.

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